

## Sisters' S. C. E.

### HOW TO INTEREST ALL THE S. S. C. E. MEMBERS.

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DEAR FRIENDS:—This evening we welcome all to the first literary service of the S. S. C. E.

God meets with those that desire to work for Him and sincerely implore His presence, and where God is, there it is an advantage to be, for His presence and leadership means success.

The eternal purpose of God which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord, is the effectual working of his power through us, to make known the fellowship of the mystery which from the beginning of the world was hid in God who created all things by Jesus Christ to the extent that all principalities and powers in heavenly places be known by the church. And that He gave His only Son, dear brothers and sisters, as a ransom for your souls and mine; not only ours, but for all humanity. Therefore it behooves all that have the knowledge of his saving power to help our friends see Jesus as He is.

The possible meeting of the S. S. C. E. should be faithfully presented as a warning to all, to seek only the glory of God. In union there is strength. We realize that the S. S. C. E. is an auxiliary to the church, and in meeting we can learn to labor in more perfect unison. Our interests, our aims, our hopes, our fears, and our comforts become one, and with one heart and mind we can, as a peaceful family meet, though soon to separate again, still labor together for the one great end, the uplifting of humanity. If we take home with us all the practical thoughts we receive here to-night, then apply them to our work, and implore God's directing power upon our efforts, the advantages arising by meeting from time to time with the S. S. C. E. can be enumerated only in eternity. Our S. S. C. E. has reached out over the length and breadth of this land, our brothers and sisters have been strengthened in their devotions and in their loyalty to God, and thereby the church has been strengthened.

The old and young members, the ministers and laity working together bind the forces of the church more closely and make it a greater power for good. The walk and conversation of those who attend these meetings will serve to remove or strengthen the opinions of those who are not in sympathy with these gatherings of the church.

Give me members of the church that

have the love of Jesus Christ within them, that are self-sacrificing, "leave self alone" or "God will leave me alone," those that do not find the roads too bad, the weather too warm, or too cold, too wet, or too dry, the way too far, the body too tired, but finds it a privilege to be in the service those that have built and are building each day of his or her lives upon the rock, those that can pick up out of the gutter, lift all up that are away from the throne of grace, and that the service be uppermost within us, then can we have every member of the Brethren Church members of the S. S. C. E.

The S. S. C. E.'s chief aim, aside from helping the local church, is to help support the Theological chair at Ashland University. Now dear brothers and sisters if we have the cause of Jesus Christ at heart, we will help all we can in supporting the Theological chair. We all know that not every one can preach the Gospel. Rom. 10: 13-15. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things." If I could picture to you those young men that have left father, mother, brothers and sisters for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to see how they are filled with the spirit to save dying souls, and the joy they find in His service, then would we realize our responsibility for the loss of souls.

Let us therefore help whenever and wherever we can. If we can help others that they can be as the stars of the firmament, it is our duty; for he that winneth souls to Christ is wise and shall shine. A talent sanctified to God's use God will never despise, and the more highly developed that talent becomes the greater use God can make of it. But God does despise and all sensible people do too—that worldly wise, puffed up mind, that thinks the acquisition of a little education fits him for high and responsible positions, where he can have power to sway and rule according to his own ideas, mold men to his opinions, and please himself entirely. Such wisdom is foolishness in the sight of God, and the presence of such an individual is an affliction to and an affliction upon a community, and it is such people who prejudice the minds of many against education and thus set a real barrier to real progress.

The Bible is the best book of all books,

for therein we learn the way of life. It is not want of time, that keeps us from serving God, nor want of means that keeps us from giving to His cause. If our souls hunger were intense enough, we would find time to pray as easily as we now find time to eat our meals. If we yearned to save dying souls as we yearn to bless our own children, family and ourselves, we would find something to give and something to do to help save souls. The attempt to serve God without love is like rowing against the tide.

If we are interested as church members should be, there would not be a lack of workers as members in the different talents allotted us, for organization of church forces is required to accomplish good, but we must remember that the one organization that demands our attention above all others is the Church. It is a fact you are members of the different auxiliaries of the church, but that does not lessen your obligations to the Church.

Organizations of the church should offer opportunities for spiritual development, and with each one, increased responsibilities and duties. Do we not know that church membership means more than promise to man, or more than all the pledges?

#### FROM BETHEL, MICH.

We are an S. S. C. E. of 20 members. We are progressing nicely. We make our money in various ways, such as sewing carpet rags, quilting, sometimes we get a day's work outside of the society which we receive one dollar for our work, and furnish our dinner, and sometimes we work a day and receive fifty cents, and the lady of the house furnishes dinner. During the past year we have worked four days, and have held three socials and one oyster supper, and have also made clothe-pin aprons and sold them at twenty-five cents a piece. We meet the second Wednesday in each month. When we do not have a day's work, we meet in the afternoon. We open our meeting with devotional exercises, which each one enjoys very much.

During the past year we have made about forty-five dollars. We have applied twenty-five dollars on our pastor's salary. We, as a society, should like very much to hear from other S. S. C. E.'s. Sisters, please write through the EVANGELIST, that we may get new ideas from different societies that would be very encouraging to us. Let us bind ourselves together in an endless chain, and work for the Master, and never "weary in well doing." Your sister in Christ,

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